

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **WSP Releases 2005 Fourth of July C.A.R.E. Stats**

Chief John Batiste announced today the Combined Accident Reduction Effort (CARE) emphasis resulted in a 71% decrease in fatal collisions as compared to the same time last year. The C.A.R.E. emphasis began at midnight on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ended at midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>. "We had five fewer people die on our highways over the Fourth of July weekend, and that is a huge success story," stated Chief Batiste. The number of alcohol related collisions was also down three percent, and DUI arrests were up one percent.

Below is a comparison of the 2004 vs. 2005 Fourth of July weekend:

	2004	2005	
Number of Fatal Collisions	7	2	-71%
Number of Fatalities	9	2	-77%
Number of DUI Arrests	271	276	+1%
Number of Speed Tickets	3,658	3,550	-3%
Number of Seat Belt Tickets	634	507	-20%
Number of Alcohol Related Collisions	31	30	-3%
Number of Motorist Assists	1,469	1,828	+24%

"While the collision and fatality numbers looked good for the busy weekend, we still need to focus in these areas, and men and women of the State Patrol are working hard everyday to ensure this," added Batiste.

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